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MAY 2007 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **USDA/NASS NEW MEXICO FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the Quarterly Farm Labor Survey for the week of April 8-14, 2007. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

James J. Brueggen
Director

NEW MEXICO-ARIZONA: There were 17,000 hired workers on farms and ranches in New Mexico and Arizona during the week of April 8-14, 2007, the same as a year ago. Average hours worked by all hired workers decreased to 44.5 hours a week compared to 48.7 hours last year. Wage rates for field workers were up from the previous year at \$8.25 an hour, an increase of 11 cents. Livestock worker wages were down slightly to \$8.88, compared to \$9.13 an hour in April 2006. Overall, average wage rates for all hired agricultural workers increased to \$9.28 an hour.

UNITED STATES: There were 961,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 8-14, 2007, unchanged from a year ago. A large increase in California was enough to offset the large declines in hired workers in most other regions, resulting in a net change of zero from last April. Of these hired workers, 720,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 241,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.17 per hour during the April 2007 reference week, up 39 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.35 per hour, up 40 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$9.55 per hour compared with \$9.31 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.41 per hour, was up 35 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down fractionally from a year ago.

Workers on Farms, Hours worked Per Week, and Wage Rates for All Hired Workers,
Selected Regions and U.S., April 2006-2007

	Mountain II ^{2/}		Mountain III ^{3/}		Southern Plains ^{4/}		United States ^{5/}	
	Apr 9 - 15 2006	Apr 8 - 14 2007	Apr 9 - 15 2006	Apr 8 - 14 2007	Apr 9 - 15 2006	Apr 8 - 14 2007	Apr 9 - 15 2006	Apr 8 - 14 2007
Workers on Farms	-----Thousands-----							
All Hired Workers	19	20	17	17	55	50	720	720
Hours Worked	-----Hours Per Week-----							
All Hired Workers	50.6	41.6	48.7	44.5	39.2	37.9	40.8	40.6
Wages By Work Type	-----Dollars Per Hour-----							
Field	8.38	9.16	8.14	8.25	8.24	8.35	8.95	9.35
Livestock	8.98	9.75	9.13	8.88	9.06	9.41	9.31	9.55
Field & Livestock	8.65	9.45	8.60	8.51	8.64	8.80	9.06	9.41
All Workers	9.08	9.97	9.17	9.28	9.37	9.22	9.78	10.17

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers. ^{2/} Mountain Region II consists of CO, NV & UT. ^{3/} Mountain Region III consists of AZ & NM. ^{4/} Southern Plains region consists of OK & TX. ^{5/} Excludes AK.